

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-06

8123 North 35th Avenue 2, Phoenix, AZ 85051

Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. dba Life Skills Center of Arizona

AZ LEARNS¹

High School Achievement Profile (a)

2004-05	Performing
2003-04	Performing
2002-03	Not Evaluated

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

No Child Left Behind

Adequate Yearly Progress (b)

2004-05	Met
2003-04	Met
2002-03	Not Met

School Improvement Status (b)

2004-05	N/A
2003-04	N/A
2002-03	N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Mr. Benjamin Valdez MBA, MEd
 Schedule : 07:30 AM to 05:00 PM
 Grades : 9-12
 2005 Enrollment : 350
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Mission

The Life Skills Center of Arizona will be to provide a comprehensive and positive educational experience for high school youth that have not succeeded in a traditional learning environment. The center will impart to each student the knowledge, desire, and confidence needed to succeed with academic and workplace goals. The Center will strive to teach, guide, and support each student through his or her educational growth and development.

School / Academic Goals

- ü Using a self-paced academic program students will take responsibility for their own learning through the development of self- monitoring and self-assessment skills.
- ü The center's student body passage rate on the AIMS testing program will improve by a minimum of 5% each year.
- ü Students will complete 150 hours of work or volunteer hours prior to graduation. To provide them with a strong understanding of the real life working environment.

Enrollment

October 1, 2004 School Year Student Enrollment : 360
 Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law : ² Yes
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2004-05 : 500

Instructional Programs

- Ü On-Site Special Education Services
- Ü Technology Based Learning
- Ü School-to-Work Program
- Ü Vocational Educational
- Ü Structured ELL Education Program
- Ü Speech and Language Services
- Ü Family Advocacy
- Ü Special Education

Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days :	193
Average Daily Instruction Time :	4 hours 0 minutes
First Day of School :	8/1/2005
Last Day of School :	6/30/2006

Shared Responsibilities

School

Life Skills Center of Arizona partners with parents to provide learning opportunities which include, but are not limited to employment, vocational training, volunteering and counseling.

Parents

Life Skills Center of Arizona requests the support of parents regarding school policies and procedures. Parents are expected to offer adequate guidance to students in the achievement of his/her high school diploma.

Transportation Policy

Students are provided with bus cards for use on the Valley Metro bus system. The school does not provide direct transportation to or from the school.

School Honors

Awards or Special Recognition Received by the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor

Year

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Results 2004-05 ³

10th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	26	26	69846	100	100	100	660	660	699	100	100	21	0	0	11	0	0	49	0	0	18
All Students (Prior Year)	77	77	65934	NA	NA	100	446	446	492	92	92	43	6	6	18	1	1	24	0	0	15
Female	--	--	34328	--	--	99	--	--	702	--	--	19	--	--	12	--	--	51	--	--	18
Male	17	17	35509	0	0	100	660	660	696	100	100	23	0	0	11	0	0	48	0	0	18
African American	--	--	3535	--	--	100	--	--	677	--	--	31	--	--	15	--	--	46	--	--	8
Hispanic	--	--	23363	--	--	100	--	--	680	--	--	32	--	--	16	--	--	45	--	--	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1742	--	--	99	--	--	733	--	--	8	--	--	7	--	--	46	--	--	38
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4785	--	--	100	--	--	671	--	--	39	--	--	17	--	--	39	--	--	5
White	11	11	36421	0	0	99	660	660	714	100	100	12	0	0	8	0	0	54	0	0	26
Students with Disabilities	--	--	7690	--	--	100	--	--	593	--	--	64	--	--	14	--	--	21	--	--	2
Students without Disabilities	26	26	62220	100	100	99	660	660	712	100	100	16	0	0	11	0	0	53	0	0	20
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	5834	--	--	100	--	--	612	--	--	46	--	--	20	--	--	31	--	--	3
Migrant Students	--	--	117	--	--	NA	--	--	677	--	--	44	--	--	18	--	--	35	--	--	3
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	21421	--	--	92	--	--	686	--	--	35	--	--	15	--	--	43	--	--	7
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	10	10	48489	0	0	100	660	660	704	100	100	15	0	0	10	0	0	52	0	0	23

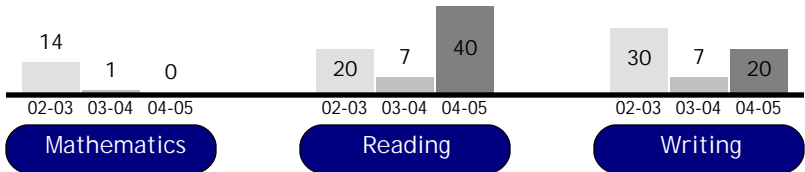
Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	46	46	71311	100	100	100	668	668	694	20	20	7	40	40	21	40	40	63	0	0	9
All Students (Prior Year)	59	59	68162	NA	NA	100	449	449	509	73	73	18	20	20	24	5	5	51	2	2	8
Female	21	21	34899	100	100	100	682	682	700	0	0	5	50	50	19	50	50	66	0	0	10
Male	25	25	36430	0	0	100	615	615	688	100	100	9	0	0	22	0	0	61	0	0	8
African American	--	--	3573	--	--	100	--	--	676	--	--	9	--	--	26	--	--	60	--	--	4
Hispanic	14	14	24056	100	100	100	662	662	672	25	25	13	50	50	31	25	25	53	0	0	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1731	--	--	98	--	--	717	--	--	3	--	--	13	--	--	68	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	5110	--	--	100	--	--	661	--	--	14	--	--	38	--	--	46	--	--	2
White	20	20	36841	0	0	99	693	693	713	0	0	3	0	0	12	100	100	72	0	0	13
Students with Disabilities	--	--	8021	--	--	100	--	--	590	--	--	27	--	--	42	--	--	29	--	--	1
Students without Disabilities	43	43	63379	100	100	100	668	668	707	20	20	5	40	40	18	40	40	68	0	0	10
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	6402	--	--	100	--	--	596	--	--	25	--	--	44	--	--	30	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	548	--	--	NA	--	--	659	--	--	26	--	--	36	--	--	38	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	29	29	22243	100	100	93	670	670	677	0	0	14	100	100	32	0	0	51	0	0	3
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	17	17	49157	0	0	100	668	668	702	25	25	4	25	25	16	50	50	69	0	0	11

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	43	43	70868	100	100	100	656	656	688	20	20	5	60	60	23	20	20	63	0	0	9
All Students (Prior Year)	55	55	67629	NA	NA	100	407	407	524	80	80	22	13	13	16	7	7	59	0	0	3
Female	19	19	34710	100	100	99	669	669	697	0	0	3	75	75	19	25	25	66	0	0	12
Male	24	24	36176	0	0	100	605	605	678	100	100	7	0	0	27	0	0	59	0	0	7
African American	--	--	3557	--	--	99	--	--	675	--	--	7	--	--	25	--	--	62	--	--	6
Hispanic	12	12	23868	100	100	100	639	639	670	25	25	9	75	75	33	0	0	55	0	0	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1732	--	--	98	--	--	713	--	--	2	--	--	12	--	--	64	--	--	22
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	5001	--	--	100	--	--	661	--	--	9	--	--	41	--	--	48	--	--	2
White	21	21	36710	0	0	99	723	723	702	0	0	2	0	0	15	100	100	69	0	0	13
Students with Disabilities	--	--	7900	--	--	100	--	--	580	--	--	22	--	--	49	--	--	28	--	--	1
Students without Disabilities	40	40	63054	100	100	99	656	656	701	20	20	3	60	60	20	20	20	67	0	0	10
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	6308	--	--	100	--	--	591	--	--	19	--	--	47	--	--	33	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	540	--	--	NA	--	--	658	--	--	16	--	--	42	--	--	41	--	--	1
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	21994	--	--	92	--	--	673	--	--	10	--	--	36	--	--	52	--	--	3
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	15	15	48960	0	0	100	656	656	694	20	20	3	60	60	18	20	20	67	0	0	12

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

10th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC.

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	Not Evaluated
	Met Graduation Rate?	Y
	Made AYP?	Yes

Glossary:

Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Achievement Test Results

Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2002-2003 (SAT9)				2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
9	Reading	95	25	25	41	--	--	--	42	--	--	--	51
	Language	79	20	20	42	--	--	--	42	--	--	--	50
	Mathematics	79	26	26	60	--	--	--	63	--	--	--	50

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at www.ade.az.gov/standards/

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

School Site Council	
Council Composition	Council Duties
School Administrator(s)	Ü
Non-certified Employee(s)	Ü
Teacher(s)	Ü
Parent(s)	Ü
Community Member(s)	Ü
Student(s)	Ü

Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06			
Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	3.00	Teacher	16.00
Other Professional Staff	5.00	Teacher Aide	4.00

Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06				
Experience	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	3	3	0	0
4 to 6 years	5	4	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	1	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05	
Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	5
Teachers with Emergency Certificaton.	10
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	62%
Percent of core classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	NC

Resources Available at School Site	
Special Facilities	
Ü Four Computer Labs	Ü English Language Learner Classroom
Ü Special Education Classroom	Ü Family Advocate
Extracurricular Activities	

Social Services	
Ü Job Readiness/Placement	Ü Parenting Classes
Ü College Guidance Services	Ü Money Management and Budgeting
Ü Scholarship Assistance	Ü Life Skills Classes
Ü Counseling Services	

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2004-05

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2004-05

- ü We have increased the student attendance rate to 93.5% to meet both State and Federal guidelines.
- ü We have created a larger network of social services and community agencies to meet the needs of our students.
- ü We have teamed up with Home Base Youth Services and Phoenix Childrens Hospital to provide on-site medical services for our student.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2004-05

		Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate ⁴	98	95	94	95
Transfers Out Rates ⁵	64	12	12	17
Transfers In Rate ⁶	315	28	28	37
Stability Rate ⁷	35	87	87	82
Promotion Rate ⁸	41	96	95	81
Retention Rate ⁹	0	1	1	3
Dropout Rate ¹⁰	2	0	1	6
Status Unknown ¹¹	0	0	1	4
Graduation Rate ¹²	54	NA	NA	79

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

School Safety

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

Life Skills is a secured campus and has established a comprehensive safety and emergency crisis plan. All teachers and staff are required to be trained in the most up-to-date safety and emergency procedures. In addition Life Skills has off-duty Phoenix Police Officers working at the school.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2004-05 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

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The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, 1-877-900-1086, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

Contacts

Name		Phone Number
School Site Council		
Transportation Policy		
Community Resources	Patryce Jackson-Samuel, BA	(602) 242-6400
School Nutrition Programs		
Parent Organization		
Student Health/Nurse	Margaret Wood, BSN, RN	(602) 242-6400

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at www.ade.az.gov/srcs on the Internet. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

TITLE I TERMS

Title I School Improvement Year 1

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Footnotes

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at www.ade.az.gov/azlearns.

2 Under ARS 15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 Transfers Out: the rate at which students transfer out of a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

6 Transfers In: the rate at which students transfer into a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

7 Stability (s): the rate at which students starting the year at a particular school remain enrolled in that particular school until the end of a given school year.

8 Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

9 Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

10 Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 2004-05 school year, to include activity during the summer of 2004. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate and Dropout Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. For more information on the dropout rate study see our website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

11 Annual Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 2004-05 school year. Annual status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts. For more information on status unknown, see our dropout rate study website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

12 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad.

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